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Three state health employees arraigned on Flint water felony charges

By Gary Ridley, MLIVE 08/01/16 4:21 PM

Three Michigan Department of Health and Human Services workers have been arraigned on felony charges connected to the Flint water crisis. Robert Scott and Nancy Peeler were each arraigned the afternoon of Monday, Aug. 1, by Genesee District Judge Nathaniel Perry III after being charged by Attorney General Bill Schuette. Perry arraigned Corinne Miller earlier in the day.

Health officials arraigned in Flint cases

By James Lynch & Jennifer Chambers, Detroit News 08/01/16 4:09 PM

One former and two current state health officials – each facing criminal charges from the Flint water crisis investigation – appeared Monday in court for arraignment. Corinne Miller, former director of Michigan’s Bureau of Epidemiology, faces charges that include misconduct in office and willful neglect of duty. Her handling of a July 28, 2015 report that identified problematic lead levels in Flint children has been called into question by Attorney General Bill Schuette’s office.

Former state epidemiologist arraigned on Flint water charges

By Gary Ridley, MLIVE 08/01/16 3:35 PM

The former director of the state's Bureau of Epidemiology and state epidemiologist stood largely silent as a Genesee District judge read the charges against her stemming from the Flint water crisis. Corinne Miller was arraigned Monday, Aug. 1, on two felonies and one misdemeanor after Attorney General Bill Schuette alleged she told other state employees not to take action on a report showing a spike in blood lead levels in children in Flint then later told employees to delete emails about the data.

Flint Justice — It's Happening

By Randall Cuthbert, EDM Digest 08/01/16

Word comes this week that six more officials have been charged with felony crimes in connection to the Flint Michigan water crisis, bringing the total number of officials charged to nine. Charges include misconduct in office, willful neglect of duty, and altering official reports. Motives given for the crime include arrogance and treating people as expendable. Most likely more charges will be forthcoming.

Six More Michigan State Employees Charged in Flint Water Poisoning

By Democracy Now! 08/01/16

In Flint, Michigan, six more state employees are facing criminal charges in connection to the lead poisoning of Flint’s water. The six work for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. They are accused of having tried to cover up the problem of lead contamination in Flint’s water once state officials became aware of it. This is Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette.

Schuette: Deception put children in the "crosshairs of drinking poison"

By John Wisely & Robert Allen, Detroit Free Press 07/30/16 1:25 PM

Six state employees were charged Friday with crimes in the Flint water crisis, bringing to nine the number of defendants accused of lawbreaking on the job. And the charges may not be the last. "We are way far from done," Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette said in announcing the new charges.

Flint water crisis: charges against low-level state workers draw scrutiny

By Ryan Felton, Guardian 07/30/16 9:36 AM

A year ago, as claims surfaced that Flint, Michigan's water had been contaminated with lead, state employees were reassuring residents that their findings suggested otherwise. "So upon review, we don't believe our data demonstrates an increase in lead poisoning rates that might be attributable to the change in water source for Flint," wrote Nancy Peeler, head of the Michigan department health and human services' childhood lead poisoning prevention program, in a 28 July 2015 email to colleagues.

Flint Water Crisis Prosecutor Going After The Small Fish?

By MSN 07/30/16 8:36 AM [video clip]

Michigan's attorney general, Bill Schuette announced criminal charges on Friday against six former and current state employees in regards to their actions which led to lead contamination in Flint, Michigan's water. Nine have now been charged. Schuette's announcement was welcomed by residents of the Rust Belt city. But questions remain about how prosecutors will be able to prove that the actions of these employees amounted to crimes. High-level officials have remained as yet untouched.

A look at the 6 state employees charged in Flint water crisis

By Gina Damron, Detroit Free Press 07/30/16 12:00 AM

Six current and former state employees are facing criminal charges in connection with the Flint water crisis. Four, who are still employed, have been suspended, according to a joint statement issued today by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Michigan Department

of Health and Human Services.

Flint charges based on e-mails, interviews with 180 people

By John Wisely, Detroit Free Press 07/29/16 4:15 PM

Michigan environmental and health officials didn't just make mistakes, they deliberately manipulated data to downplay the danger of lead in Flint's drinking water, investigators said in court filings today. The accusations come as Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette today charged six more state employees with crimes for their roles in the Flint Water Crisis.

The email trail of the latest workers charged in the Flint water crisis

By Bridge Magazine 07/29/16

The six, from the departments of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services, show up repeatedly in government emails collected and chronicled in Bridge Magazine's comprehensive timeline of the water crisis.

Six More Michigan Employees Charged Over Flint Water Contamination

By Beckie Strum, Wall Street Journal 07/29/16 1:41 PM

Six more Michigan state employees face criminal charges over lead-contaminated drinking water in Flint, state Attorney General Bill Schuette announced Friday morning. All six accused, including three staff members of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and three from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, were charged with felonies, including misconduct in office and willful neglect in office.

More Charges Filed in Flint Water Crisis

By WDET 101.9 FM 07/29/16

The investigation into Flint's water is far from over. Attorney General Bill Schuette announced 18 new charges for six state officials Friday during a press conference. Charges range from misdemeanor Willful Neglect of Duty, to felony Tampering with Evidence. Among those charged is Liane Shekter-Smith, a former high-ranking official with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). Shekter-Smith served as the official in charge of keeping the

state's drinking water safe. Schuette says Shekter-Smith and two men she supervised failed in their duties.

Six state employees charged with wrongdoing in Flint water crisis

By Josie Duffy Rice, Daily Kos 07/29/16 10:00 AM

After months of investigation, more state employees have been charged with crimes related to Flint's water crisis. The Detroit Free Press reports that the six charged employees include "Michigan Department of Health and Human Services workers Nancy Peeler, Corinne Miller and Robert Scott, and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality employees Leanne Smith; Adam Rosenthal and Patrick Cook."

More Charges in the Flint Water Crisis

By Yasmeen Serhan, The Atlantic 07/29/16

State Attorney General Schuette announced the six additional charges at a news conference. Nancy Peeler, Corinne Miller, and Robert Scott, all officials with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, will be charged with misconduct in office, conspiracy, and willful neglect of duty. Liane Shekter-Smith, Adam Rosenthal, and Patrick Cook, who were with the Department of Environmental Quality, will also be charged. Shekter-Smith will be charged with misconduct in office and willful neglect of duty; Cook with misconduct in office, conspiracy, and willful neglect of duty; and Rosenthal with misconduct in office, tampering with evidence, conspiracy, and willful neglect of duty.

Flint water crisis aftermath: Six state employees charged, and prosecutors "not done yet"

By Michigan Radio 07/29/16 [radio clip]

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette is charging six more state employees in connection with the contamination of Flint's drinking water supply. Michigan Radio's Rick Pluta covered the Attorney General's press conference and joined Stateside to talk about the reaction to the announcement. One of the biggest takeaways is that this investigation is far from over. Pluta says "they are working their way up the ladder ... targeting higher and higher and higher levels [of government officials] and they say they are not done yet."

Trash frustrations mount as temporary agreement struck in Flint

By Jiquanda Johnson MLIVE 08/01/16 6:23 PM

Officials have reached a temporary agreement to keep trash from piling up in Flint neighborhoods. Republic Services, the company who hauled Flint's trash until July 29 when their contract expired, issued statement saying they will continue to service the community at least through Aug. 12.

Add it to the pile: Flint residents now dealing with delayed trash collection

By Michigan Radio 08/01/16 6:18 PM [radio clip]

The problems continue to pile on Flint: Over the weekend, Mayor Karen Weaver announced that trash pickup was to be canceled indefinitely, due to a dispute between the mayor and city council over which vendor will receive the city's garbage collection. Mayor Weaver hoped to grant the contract to Rizzo Environmental Services, which had the lowest bid. The city council decided to continue with Republic, the city's current trash hauler. Mayor Weaver then vetoed the council's decision, which led to an override of the mayor's veto by the council.

Trash collection to resume in Flint after it was halted

By Elisha Anderson, Detroit Free Press 08/01/16 6:04 PM

Garbage collection will resume in Flint Tuesday, a day after it was halted in the city, where residents are still enduring the ongoing water crisis. Flint Mayor Karen Weaver announced she reached an interim agreement today and said negotiations continue on a long-term contract for trash pickup. The arrangement with Republic Services, the company that had been providing trash collection for the city until its contract expired at the end of July, will remain in place until Aug. 12, Weaver said in a statement issued this afternoon.

Flint: No trash collection after contract expires

By Laura Ly, CNN 08/01/16 5:53 PM

Flint, Michigan, a city known for its water crisis, may have another noxious situation on its hands. There will be no trash collection in the city until further notice, according to a statement from Flint Mayor Karen Weaver. City residents have been instructed to not put their garbage out on the curb for collection, because no one will pick it up, at least for now.

Interim agreement reached for Flint trash pick-up services (UPDATE)

By Hannah Saunders, FOX 2 Detroit 08/01/16 4:48 PM [video clip]

Mayor Karen Weaver announced that an interim agreement has been reached to handle trash pickup services. The service will resume Tuesday due to the agreement with Republic Services.

The arrangement is scheduled to remain in place until Aug. 12. "I want to thank Republic Services for agreeing to resume trash collection in Flint while we work to resolve this matter," said Weaver in a release. "My main objective is to do what's best for the citizens and the City of Flint. Members of city council and I may have different views on what that is, but residents should not be inconvenienced because of it."

Another government breakdown in Flint, Michigan

By Jazz Shaw, Hot Air 08/01/16 3:01 PM

Things aren't getting any better in Flint, Michigan these days, and for once we're not talking about the lead in the water. It's not even the presence of Michael Moore. No, this time the trouble is with trash. You see, the contract the city has with their current waste disposal company has expired and Mayor Karen Weaver is at loggerheads with the city council over how to proceed. She would like to move to a new provider who is offering a better rate while the council wants to stick with the status quo, paying roughly two million more per year for their services. (Washington Post)

Council set to discuss legal action against mayor regarding Flint's trash contract

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 08/01/16 2:55 PM

Flint City Council is holding a special meeting to discuss a recent lawsuit surrounding the city's controversial trash contract. According to a public notice, the council will convene at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 1 at Flint City Hall, 1101 S. Saginaw Street. The meeting is to ask the Flint City Council to join Councilman Scott Kincaid in his efforts to sue Mayor Karen Weaver and her administration regarding her move to not acknowledge a resolution from the council to continue using Republic Services to haul the city's trash.

Something smells in Flint in trash-hauling dispute

By AP for Detroit News 08/01/16 8:46 AM

A Michigan city trying to recover from lead in drinking water has another controversy: Who will pick up the trash? A Flint City Council member is suing Mayor Karen Weaver after she insisted on hiring a new contractor, even after the council voted to keep Republic Services on the job.

'First the water. Now the trash': Flint bickering leads to suspension of trash pickup

By Elise Schmelzer, Washington Post 08/01/16 4:51 AM

Still stocking bottled water after the city's lead contamination crisis, Flint residents are now being forced to store something else in their homes — their trash. The city announced Saturday that it will suspend trash pickup indefinitely beginning Monday while a judge works out a weeks-old disagreement between city officials. The disruption in services is the result of a battle between the mayor and the city council over which company to grant the city's trash contract to after the most recent one expired Friday.

A judge may decide who will pick up trash in Flint

By Steve Carmody, Michigan Radio 08/01/16

On Monday, city officials reached an interim agreement with Republic to resume trash pickup, starting August 2. The arrangement will remain in place until August 12. Officials say trash collection will be delayed by one day for the rest of this week; it should be back on schedule by the start of next week. A meeting of the Receivership Transition Advisory Board (RTAB) is scheduled for August 10th to decide who will perform trash pickups permanently.

Flint, Michigan, Now Has Nobody Collecting the City's Garbage

By Tom McKay, MIC.com 07/31/16

The city of Flint, Michigan, best known across the nation for a water-pollution crisis which left an unknown number of residents exposed to dangerous levels of lead that has not yet been resolved, is running into major problems with another public utility. Trash pickup in the city is suspended until further notice, according to MLive, due to a dispute over which vendor will receive the Flint garbage collection contract which should have been in place following the prior contract's expiration on July 29.

Aid & Donations

Millions in funds boosts lead assessment efforts for Flint-area students

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 08/01/16 5:01 PM

The Genesee Intermediate School District and Michigan Department of Education have kicked off a campaign to evaluate more than 3,000 children in the Flint community for potential lead-related developmental delays. The "Don't Wait. Evaluate." campaign includes multiple staff members tasked with going door-to-door on buses to help develop individualized family service plans for children, based on information collected from families through the Early On Genesee program. A media push is underway in the Flint and Genesee County areas, with a commercial set to air on local stations about the program. The program targets children birth to 3 years old with potential developmental delays, but GISD superintendent Lisa Hagel said it had been minimized to only be able to help a small number of children due to a lack of backing.

Ruth Mott Foundation awards \$1.2 million in grants for north Flint projects

By Molly Young, MLIVE 08/01/16 5:24 PM

The Ruth Mott Foundation awarded \$1.2 million in grants to support Flint through water crisis recovery, job training and neighborhood projects. The Board of Trustees approved \$1,263,930 in grant funding at its June meeting, according to an Aug. 8 news release from the Ruth Mott Foundation. In total, 19 grants were awarded and all are aimed at improving quality of life for residents of Flint's north side. There are four focus or priority areas, which include youth, safety, economic opportunity and neighborhoods.

\$1.2M to fund mobile health clinic in Flint, other work

By AP for WOOD TV NBC 8 08/01/16 10:15 AM

More than \$1.2 million will help fund a mobile health clinic amid Flint's crisis with lead-tainted water, a job training program for at-risk youth and neighborhood improvement projects. The funding announced Monday is from the Ruth Mott Foundation.

Other News

Valve failure leads to boil water advisory for section of Genesee County

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 08/01/16 4:25 PM

A section of western Genesee County is under a boil water advisory following a valve failure. The valve failure took place Monday, Aug. 1 on the back up supply during work on the Winston water main installation, during which the Miller Road transmission line was closed off, according to a statement from Swartz Creek officials.

Clinton was 'late to the game' on Flint water crisis, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley says

By Lauren Gibbons, MLIVE 07/30/16 10:09 AM

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley wasn't entirely displeased with the way Michigan was portrayed at the 2016 Democratic National Convention, but he took significant issue with the implication that Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton was a catalyst for change in Flint. A video produced for the convention on the Flint water crisis that preceded Flint Mayor Karen Weaver's speech Wednesday "had the timeline all messed up" on when changes started being addressed in the city, Calley told reporters following a town hall event for Republican vice presidential pick Mike Pence in Grand Rapids Thursday.

Children showed greater blood lead levels after switch to Flint River water

By Healio 07/29/16

Recent data published in MMWR showed that young children living in Flint, Michigan, had higher blood lead levels after the city switched to water sourced from the Flint River. "This crisis was entirely preventable, and a startling reminder of the critical need to eliminate all sources of lead from our children's environment," Patrick Breyse, PhD, director of the CDC's National Center for Environmental Health, said in a press release. "CDC is committed to continued support for the people of Flint through our Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention program and efforts to raise awareness and promote action to address the critical public health issue in communities across the country."

Clinton's support for Flint continues into general election

By Lydia Murray, Michigan Daily 07/29/16 8:22 AM

During the primary season, Flint garnered a lot of media attention following Hillary Clinton's mention of the Flint water crisis in a presidential debate in January. In the weeks and months that followed Michigan's March primary, media attention slowly drifted away from the city onto

other topics. However, federal support for Flint has remained in the House of Representatives,
Senate and executive branch.